

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4 and 6 have been amended, and new claims 7-12 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the foregoing claim amendments, claims 4 and 6-12 will be pending and under examination. No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended and new claims is respectfully requested.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4 and 6 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (U.S. 2004/052504) (hereinafter “Yamada”) in view of Mori (JP 402252154), and further in view of Davidsson (U.S. 2003/0086694). The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The following is a comparison between embodiments of the present invention and the cited art.

Independent claim 4, for example, is amended herein to recite a unit for receiving and recording broadcast based on a timer video recording code indicating information required for a video recording reservation for one program obtained by the character recognition, wherein a video recording reservation is allowed to be confirmed by a user by displaying information required for the video recording reservation, the information being obtained by decoding the timer video recording code obtained by the character recognition, wherein, upon determining presence of a plurality of timer video recording codes, obtained by the character recognition and indicating information required for a plurality of video recording reservations, respectively, the video recording reservation is allowed to be confirmed by a user by sequentially displaying information required for the video recording reservation based on each timer video recording code.

On pages 3-4 of the Action, the Examiner notes that Yamada fails to teach the various foregoing features of claim 4, however Mori is cited as disclosing these features of the independent claims. The Examiner’s rationale is based on Mori’s teaching of controlling a CRT to display a plurality of codes that were determined by the computer 13, and that the user has the ability to verify the plurality of codes that were entered and therefore initiates a recording reservation.

Mori merely discusses that the computer 13 grasps the contents of a picture recording reservation designated in the handwritten characters by the user and gives an instruction to a CRT controller 10 to display the contents of the picture recording reservation on a TV screen. (Abstract).

As the Examiner states in the Response to Arguments on page 2 of the Action, Mori discloses a plurality of *characters* to make a recording reservation. The Examiner appears to reason that each character is interpreted as a “code” equivalent to a timer video recording code, as recited independent claim 4. However, as compared with embodiments of the present invention, each of the plurality of time codes of Mori (as interpreted by the Examiner) merely indicates channel, date, start time and end time, respectively, for *one* recording reservation (See Figs. 2 and 5). Mori fails to teach or suggest a unit for receiving and recording broadcast based on a timer video recording code indicating information required for a video recording reservation for one program obtained by the character recognition, as recited in amended claim 4. It follows, therefore, that Mori can not teach or suggest that, upon determining presence of a plurality of timer video recording codes obtained by the character recognition and indicating information required for a plurality of video recording reservations, respectively, the video recording reservation is allowed to be confirmed by a user by sequentially displaying information required for the video recording reservation based on each timer video recording code.

As an exemplary advantage to embodiments of the present invention, which Mori is incapable of providing, a character recognition process can determine the presence of a plurality of timer video recording codes (indicating information required for *a plurality of video recording reservations*, respectively), and the user can confirm the reservation(s), based on each timer video recording code. (See e.g., paragraphs [0021]-[0022] of the present specification).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 4, as amended, patentably distinguishes over Mori. Applicant notes that Yamada and Davidsson fail to cure the deficiencies of Mori described above.

Independent claim 6, as amended, recites features substantially similar to those described above with respect to claim 4 and, thus, the foregoing remarks are hereby submitted for claim 6 as well. It is respectfully submitted that claim 6 is in immediate condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein.

New Claims 7-12

New independent claims 7 and 8 recite features substantially similar to those described above with respect to claim 4 and, thus, the foregoing remarks are hereby submitted for claims 7 and 8 as well. It is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 8 are in immediate condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein.

The new dependent claims inherit the patentability of their respective independent claims. Further, the new dependent claims recite "the information required for video recording reservation includes at least date information and channel information". As noted above, each of plurality of time codes of Mori (as interpreted by the Examiner) merely indicates channel, date, start time and end time respectively (See Figs. 2 and 5). Accordingly, Mori and the additionally cited references fail to teach or suggest the features of the new dependent claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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